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What is claimed is:

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1. A compressed air vehicle drying system, whereby the system allows for a timed release of pressurized air intended to rinse water from a vehicle's surface, wherein the compressed air vehicle drying system comprises:

(a) an air compressor;

- (b) a storage tank, whereby the storage tank stores compressed air received from the air compressor;
- (c) an air regulator located proximal to the storage tank, the air regulator designed and dimensioned to allow air to exit the storage tank opposite the air compressor under a pressure ranging between 50 psi and 300 psi;
 - (d) an air dryer located downstream from the storage tank;
- (e) a wand having a nozzle with at least one hole, the wand located at the system's end; and
- (f) the system is activated by a vending unit so that, when activated, the vending unit communicates with a solenoid valve located upstream from the wand with the solenoid valve opening to allow passage of the pressurized air.
- 2. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein a pressure switch is located inside the storage tank and attached to the air compressor, whereby the switch activates the air compressor.
- 3. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein the tank has a storage capacity of between 30 and 160 gallons.
- 4. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, comprising a pivoting boom connected on one end to the wand and on an opposite end to the storage tank.

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5. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein conduit members, used to attach members of the system, have an inside diameter of at least 3/8 inches.

- 6. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein the wand is configured with a hand grip and a trigger mechanism for activating the flow of compressed air and a spring loaded flexible conduit connects the trigger mechanism and a nozzle.
 - 7. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein the nozzle is metal coated with rubber or formed entirely from plastic.
 - 8. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein the nozzle has at least two holes longitudinally spaced.
- 9. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 1, wherein the valve unit comprises a solenoid actuated valve.

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- 10. The compressed air vehicle drying system of Claim 9, wherein the solenoid actuated valve has a valve internal diameter of at least 3/8 inch.
- 20 11. A method suited for utilizing a compressed air vehicle drying system, the method comprising:
 - (a) providing a control unit for initiating the flow of compressed air and for selecting the time interval for operation of the vehicle drying system;
 - (b) providing an air compressor for compressing air, the compressor being initiated by the control unit;
 - (c) providing an air tank for accumulating compressed air produced by the air compressor;

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- (d) providing a conduit for delivery of compressed air from the air tank;
- (e) directing the compressed air through the conduit to an air drying unit for drying the compressed air to a pre-selected moisture content; and,
- (f) directing the compressed air through the air dryer and the conduit against a vehicle surface.
- 12. A system for drying vehicles, the system comprising:
- (a) a wand having a tip with at least one hole, whereby air passes through the hole, the air projected at a pressure of at least 50 psi, with the air of a sufficient pressure to cause removal of excess water found on a vehicle;
 - (b) a compressor for pressurizing the air;
- (c) an air tank for storing the pressurized air, with the air tank connected to the compressor on one end and the wand on an opposite end.
- 13. The system of Claim 11, wherein the system includes a vending unit designed to activate the system.
- 14. A method for drying a vehicle, whereby pressurized fluid is directed at the vehicle,20 the method comprising:
 - (a) pressurizing an amount of fluid;
 - (b) passing the fluid through a tip having at least one hole, with the hole of a size sufficient to cause an air stream to be directed to a specific point on the vehicle; and,
 - (c) projecting the fluid onto the vehicle surface.

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